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1. THE EDMONTON JOURNAL, THE PAPER WHICH SERVICES THE CAPITAL OF ALBERTA PROVINCE, COMMENTED EDITORIAL ON AMBASSADOR ENDERS' SPEECH: "THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, MR. THOMAS ENDERS, HAS BEGUN HIS TENURE IN OTTAWA WITH A VARIATION ON SAINT-EXUPERY'S DICTUM THAT THOSE THINGS THAT UNITE US ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THOSE THAT DIVIDE. FAIR ENOUGH. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, REAL POTENTIAL DIVISION IN VIEW AND INTEREST BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. WE DO NOT NECESSARILY SHARE A COMMON DESTINY. WHAT IS GOOD FOR GENERAL MOTORS IS NOT NECESSARILY GOOD FOR CANADA TOO." AFTER DISCUSSING INSTANCES WHERE CANADA AND THE U.S. DIFFERED IN VIEWS THE EDMONTON JOURNAL CONCLUDED: "CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT BLOOD BROTHERS; WE ARE CLOSE ADULT FRIENDS. THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE ARE WRAPPED IN ONE BLANKET SMACKS OF SCANDAL, WHETHER IN THIS CENTURY OR, AS MR. ENDERS FORECASTS, IN THE NEXT WHEN THE REST OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD WILL APPARENTLY TRY TO CLIMB INTO AMERICA'S BED."

2. THE FINANCIAL POST IN A LEAD EDITORIAL APRIL 3 ENTITLED "STRAIGHT TALK DOESN'T HURT" SAID "IT WAS A SPEECH THAT ALTERNATELY PUZZLES AND PLEASES THAT THOMAS ENDERS, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, DELIVERED IN OTTAWA LAST WEEK.

THE SPEECH PUZZLES BECAUSE ENDERS SEEMED TO PICK UP RIGHT WHERE HIS PREDECESSOR, WILLIAM PORTER, LEFT OFF.

"NONE OF THE ISSUES IS NEW... BUT THAT THE LIST COMES UP TIME AND AGAIN SUGGESTS CANADA STILL HASN'T CONVINCED THE U.S. OF THE RIGHTNESS OF THE CANADIAN POLICY. OR IS IT THAT CANADA IS BASICALLY WRONG IN THESE AREAS, AND THE U.S. CAN'T SEEM TO MAKE US UNDERSTAND?

"WHAT IS EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING IS ENDERS' APPARENT DETERMINATION TO USE THESE PAST IRRITANTS TO HELP BOTH COUNTRIES DEVISE NEW WAYS OF COPING WITH FUTURE PROBLEMS IN THE RELATIONSHIP. "NONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS IS PARTICULARLY STARTLING, AND ENDERS HIMSELF IS NOT ADVOCATING THEM AS A FIXED 'BLUEPRINT' FOR FUTURE RELATIONS. BUT THEY COULD, HE SUGGEST, HELP KEEP CANADA AND THE U.S. FROM SLIPPING INTO AN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP. HE WANTS BOTH COUNTRIES TO AIM FOR THE 'EXPANSIONARY' SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS THAT ARISE. IN SHORT, THE NEW AMBASSADOR SOUNDS VERY MUCH LIKE AN ACTIVIST DETERMINED TO SEE THE RELATIONSHIP BROADENED. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT."

3. THE AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH WAS CARRIED IN A STRAIGHT-FORWARD, OBJECTIVE MANNER BY THE CANADIAN PRESS AND PICKED UP AS A NEWS ITEM IN MEDIA OUTLETS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. DOW JONES WIRE SERVICE AND UPI ALSO CARRIED STORIES BASED ON THE SPEECH. IT IS INDEED ENCOURAGING THAT PAPERS IN OTTAWA, TORONTO AND EDMONTON CONSIDERED THE SPEECH OF SUCH SIGNIFICANCE THAT THEY COMMENTED ON IT EDITORIALY. THE SPEECH ITSELF HAS PROVED TO BE AN EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR OUTLINING THE FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THE U.S. HOPES TO DISCUSS U.S./CANADIAN RELATIONS OVER THE COMING MONTHS. THE CANADIAN MEDIA IN GENERAL SEEMS PLEASED THAT AMBASSADOR ENDERS IS DETERMINED TO ADOPT AN ACTIVIST, OPEN APPROACH IN DEALINGS WITH CANADA. MEDIA REACTION, THOUGH UNSPOKEN, PERHAPS DEMONSTRATES AT LONG LAST THAT OFFICIAL WASHINGTON IS GENUINELY AWARE OF AND CONCERNED ABOUT RELATIONS WITH OTTAWA.
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